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SUBJECT: CZECHS HAVE NO POSITION ON DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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(SBU) A/DCM and Poloff met May 17 with Veronika Stromsikova, Czech MFA's Director of the Human Rights Department, to discuss the position of the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (reftel). Stromsikova said indigenous rights is not a priority issue for the Czechs because they have no experience with indigenous people, and they must limit the number of human rights issues they take on in order to be effective. That said, Stromsikova agreed to review the talking points and related documents and notify Poloffs if the Czechs formulate a position on the issue.
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